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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In the successful way in which they have competed with the so-called forward classes and especially with regard to the admission to the professional colleges. If only the hon. Member looks into the figures, he will find out that the backward classes have obtained more seats than the so-called forward classes."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" இந்த ஆண்டிலே மருத்துவக் கல்லூரியில் முதலாகத் தேறிய மாணவன் பிற்பட்ட வகுப்பைச் சேர்ந்தவன் என்பது அரசாங்கத்திற்குத் தெரியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Thanks for the information, Sir."

SRI A. SUBRAMANYAM :—" இரண்டு கோடி ஜனத் தொகை கொண்ட சமூகத்தினரில், ஒரு சிலர் முதல் மார்க் வாங்கிவிட்டதினுல் பிற்பட்ட இனத்தவர் முன்னேறி விட்டார்கள் என்று சொல்ல முடியுமா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :— " The hon. Member is still persisting over the figure of 2 crores. The figure is wrong. Let him correct himself first before putting the question."

SRI A. SUBRAMANYAM :—" தயவு செய்து கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பிற்பட்ட இனத்தவரின் ஜனத்தொகையை கணக்கெடுப்பார்களா என்று மறுபடியும் கேட்கிறேன். பிற்பட்ட வகுப்பினர் படிப்பு விஷயத்திலோ உத்தியோக விஷயத்திலோ எந்த விதமான சலுகையையும், ஜனத் தொகை விகிதாசாரப்படி, பெறவில்லை. அவர்களுக்கு சலுகைகள் கொடுக்கும் விஷயத்தில் கவனம் செலுத்துவதாக, சமீபத்தில் காங்கிரஸ் அக்கிராசனர் ஸ்ரீ தேபர் கூறியிருக்கிருர். ஆகவே பிற்பட்ட இனத்தவரின் நியாயமான குறைகளைப் போக்குவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The requirements of all backward classes will be attended to not on the basis of caste but on the basis of their economic backwardness."

Supply of tents for the Avadi Congress Session.

* 200 *Q*.—SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any tents belonging to the Forest Department of the Government were supplied for use in connexion with the All-India Session of the Indian National Congress at Avadi and, if so, how many;

(*b*) the total expenses incurred by the Government for transporting and putting up such tents; and

(*c*) whether the Indian National Congress contributed any amount to the Government towards such expenses and, if so, how much?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.
" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

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SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW :—" Has there not been any letter from any forest officer about the lending of tents to the Avadi Congress session? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir, there may have been communications. But the question was whether any tents belonging to the Forest department of the Government were supplied to the Avadi Congress and I have answered ' No '."

SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW :—" Are the Government aware of any publication that the tents were supplied to the Avadi Congress session? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not know what is the publication referred to by the hon. Member. I know definitely that no tents (belonging to Government) were used in the Avadi Congress session."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" While admitting that no tents were supplied by Government for the Avadi Congress session, may I know what ' other things ' were supplied by Government for the Avadi Congress session? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I want to know what the hon. Member means by saying ' other things '. I know that no delegate to the Avadi Congress used any tent belonging to the Forest Department."

Selection of candidates to the Senior Basic grade in the Basic Training School, Parivillicottai.

* 201 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of candidates interviewed for selection to the Senior Basic grade in the Basic Training School, Parivillicottai, Tirunelveli district, this school year;

(*b*) the number of candidates selected;

(*c*) the number of candidates admitted;

(*d*) the number of candidates sent out after admission; and

(*e*) the reasons for clause (*d*)?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) 65.

" (*b*) 52.

" (*c*) 40.

" (*d*) 5.

" (*e*) They were not fully qualified as they had neither secured in S.S.L.C. Examination eligibility for admission into the University course of study nor the marks prescribed for eligibility to public service and they did not belong to backward classes so as to be considered for exemption from the above criteria."